

Sacco, who passed away peacefully on February 25, 2018 at the age of 97.

For the past 25 years Mr. Sacco was a resident of Bayport New York and the loving husband of Patricia Sacco. Mr. Sacco was also an employee of Hewlett-Packard for over 40 years.

During World War II, Mr. Sacco enlisted into the Army and after basic training was deployed to Northern Africa where his troop fought numerous battles.

After serving his country with honor, Mr. Sacco returned home and joined the Patchogue NY VFW post, where he proudly marched in Memorial and Veterans Day parades. During the Iraq War Mr. Sacco again showed his strong patriotism and commitment to his country by organizing his VFW post's efforts of gathering and shipping supplies to our troops overseas.

Those who knew Mr. Sacco have said he was a working man of great strength that never took life for granted. An avid runner who showed great commitment for health and exercise, including running marathons. He was a man that honored his country, his family and the company he worked for. A life well lived and a great example to his fellow citizens.

HONORING MR. BARRY SHRAGE

HON. JOSEPH P. KENNEDY III

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Barry Shrage, the President of Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston, who is stepping down after more than three decades of distinguished leadership.

Barry has dedicated his life to the service of others. From his time as a social worker in Mid-Westchester, New York, to his current role in Boston, he has worked to improve lives every day. He has taken action and made an impact on thousands of people, both Jewish and non-Jewish, in the Greater Boston area, in this nation, in Israel, and around the globe.

With everything he does, Barry demonstrates an unwavering commitment to the highest principles of Judaism, particularly *tzedeq* (justice), *torah* (learning), and *tikkun olam* (the repair of the world).

He has also upheld the deepest American values of liberty and justice for all. In the 1980s, he was instrumental in bringing Jewish people from the Soviet Union, where they were not allowed to practice their religion, to the United States. Just last year, he founded the Combined Jewish Philanthropies Legal Aid Fund for Immigrants, an interfaith effort to assist those who are trying to start new lives of hope in this nation. He has stood throughout his tenure as a steadfast partner to all those who strive in common purpose to create a more just and peaceful world.

But, Mr. Speaker, it is not only his service that I celebrate today. Barry is a man of integrity and kindness whose abiding love for humanity is an example to us all. I offer him my sincere gratitude and best wishes for good health and continued success as he goes from strength to strength.

HONORING TAYLOR CANDY COMPANY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable public servant, Walter and Ozie Taylor, who are well respected Jackson entrepreneurs, set the bar high years ago when crafting a business model that's helped propel Taylor Candy to success in the Washington Addition community in Jackson.

Mr. Taylor came from a family of entrepreneurs. His father operated several stores and Laundromats and several other relatives owned various businesses. Mr. Taylor got his feet wet in business by establishing his own route while operating his first truck as an independent distributor through his cousin's wholesale candy distributorship. This led to the Taylors obtaining an SBA loan and establishing Taylor Candy Company at 1519 Cox St., which was later moved to the present location next door at 1523 Cox St. During this time, Mrs. Taylor joined in operating the company full time, after a nine-year teaching career. Mr. Taylor, also a short tenured school teacher, said "I needed a dependable and trustworthy associate, if the business was to be successful and so I beckoned her from the classroom and the rest is history." At the height of the business' activity in the 1980's, the company had many employees and a total of nine independent distributors. The Taylors now operate the business solely, with occasional assistance from part-time workers.

In 1974, the Taylors received acclaim from a prestigious minority business organization that named them "The Most Improved Business of the Year." Also in 1997, the business was featured as an outstanding small business in a local publication.

The Taylors offered these words of wisdom to budding entrepreneurs: "You should have the right attitude toward your business pursuit. Don't be afraid of failure. Failure gives you an opportunity to set a goal to understand what you have to do to improve. There are going to be downfalls. Let downfalls or failures be used as motivations for growth rather than reasons for giving up."

They said when they first started the company, the School of Business at Jackson State University, the couple's alma mater, provided counseling.

Through the years, the Taylors have supported community activity through giving to and participating in religious, social and educational programs and projects. Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been a benefactor, as well as numerous neighborhood schools and churches.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Taylor Candy Company for their dedication to serving others.

HONORING WILLIAM "BILLY" LEO

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of William "Billy"

Leo, a public servant, small business owner, and proud resident of La Joya, Texas, who passed away Saturday, March 17, 2018.

From 1974 to 2011, Billy, known as "Mr. Democrat," served his community in a number of capacities. He served as County Clerk for Hidalgo County, Mayor of the city of La Joya, School Board Trustee for La Joya ISD, and from 1988 through 1996, Billy served as a delegate for the Democratic National Committee. During this time, Billy was also the proprietor of beloved local convenient store chain, Leo's Food Mart.

In 1960, Billy graduated from Texas A&I Kingsville with a degree in political science. Shortly thereafter, he emerged as a political leader, following in his father, Leo J. Leo's, footsteps. Both men served the people of Hidalgo County with great honor. He once said of La Joya and his life, "I worked hard and cared for my city. That's all I want to be remembered for. I was here and I think this is the best city there is."

Mr. Speaker, South Texas lost one of our greatest public servants, but his legacy will live on. It is a privilege to continue the fight William "Billy" Leo championed his entire life: making sure every voice in Hidalgo County, and South Texas, is heard.

HONORING SCOTT MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Scott Memorial Funeral Home, a Yazoo City business striving to offer good services to families.

Scott Memorial Funeral Home located at 1401 East Broadway in Yazoo City is locally owned by Benjamin D. Scott and has operated under a standard of excellence for their customers since 2010. Their mission statement is: "To provide funeral services that are dignified and caring, highly professional and dedicated to excellence in all details, with prices suited to each family's circumstances."

Scott Memorial Funeral Home offers burial and cremation services, burial insurance, life insurance, limousine services, and also has a notary public. The business also offers a plan that meets any family's individual needs, no matter the situation.

Scott said his favorite part about the job is serving the families who entrust their funeral service needs to him. He makes sure that the families' needs are carried out as professionally as possible during the most difficult time of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Scott Memorial Funeral Home and its owners for their desire to make a difference in the community.

LI BAIGUANG

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 26, 2018

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, today I remember Dr. Li Baiguang who died